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GAMING INVESTIGATION NETS 13

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A Norfolk County Grand Jury today (April 29, 2008) indicted thirteen men on gaming and conspiracy charges following an investigation by the State Police Special Services Section and Norfolk District Attorney William R. Keating's Office.

“The State Police Special Services Section put enormous resources into this investigation,” Norfolk District Attorney Keating said after the indictments were made public. “This work, and these indictments, have brought a substantial illegal gaming racket operating on the south shore and in and around Boston to an end.”

Details of the series of related search warrants executed October 20, 2007, related to this investigation are currently under seal in Norfolk Superior Court and cannot be made public at this time.

The indictments returned today allege crimes on dates between and including June 11, 2007 and October 22, 2007. Dominic Santoro, if convicted, faces a maximum 15 years state prison on the lead charge. All other defendants face a maximum of 3 years state prison on their lead charge except Vincent Ferrara, Sr., who faces a maximum of 1 year in the house of correction.

State Police Col. Mark Delaney said:“The Massachusetts State Police are committed to disrupting criminal organizations wherever and whenever they occur. These indictments and the investigation that led to them should make that eminently clear. I commend our Special Services Section and our partners in the Norfolk District Attorney's Office for their thorough work in building this case and holding these defendants accountable.”

No arraignment date has yet been set.

The full list of indictments is as follows:

DOMINIC SANTORO, of Quincy & Marstons Mills, DOB 05-08-45

Any and all defendants mentioned are legally innocent until proven guilty.



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Organizing 4 or More, M.G.L c. 271, sec. 16A (15-year felony)

That Dominic Santoro did knowingly organize, supervise, manage or finance at least four persons, including Philip Eatherton, Vincent M. Ferrara, Sr., Stephen Agrippino, Steven Contrada, Michael Ready, Lawrence O'Sullivan, Robert Cash, Albert Stankus, Joseph Spaziani and/or Paulo Tizzano, so that said persons did provide facilities or services or assist in the provision of facilities or services for the conduct of illegal lotteries, or for the illegal registration of bets or the illegal buying and selling of pools upon the result of a trial, or contest of skill, speed or endurance of man, or beast, or upon the happening of any event, or upon the result of a game, competition, political nomination, appointment or election, or did knowingly receive from said four or more persons compensation or payment in any form as a return from such registration of bets, in violation of M.G.L. c. 271, section 16A;

B.Using Telephone to Register Bets, MGL c. 271, sec. 17A (misd)

That Dominic Santoro did use a telephone for the purpose of accepting wagers or bets, or buying or selling of pools, or for placing all or any portion of a wager with another, upon the results of a trial or contest of skill, speed, or endurance of man, beast, bird or machine, or upon the result of an athletic game or contest, or upon the numbers game, or did use said telephone for the purpose of reporting the same to a headquarters or booking office, in violation of M.G.L. c. 271, section 17A;

C.Keeping a Place for Registering Bets, MGL c. 271, sec. 17 (3-year felony)

That Dominic Santoro being lessee, occupant, or person found in a building or part thereof, located in the premises at 10 Highpoint Circle, apartment 605, Quincy, Massachusetts did knowingly keep or permit the said premises to be used or occupied for the purpose of registering bets upon the results of a trial, or contest of skill, speed or endurance of beast, or man, with apparatus, books or any device, in violation of M.G.L. c. 271, section 17;

D.Conspiracy, MGL c. 274, sec. 7 (3-year felony)

That Dominic Santoro, Steven Contrada, Vincent M. Ferrara, Sr., and Philip Eatherton, conspired together to knowingly keep or permit a premises to be used or occupied for the purpose of registering bets upon the results of a trial, or contest of skill, speed or endurance of beast, or man, with apparatus, books or any device, in violation of M.G.L. c. 274, section 7;

E.Conspiracy, MGL c. 274, sec. 7 (misd)



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F. Conspiracy, MGL c. 274, sec. 7

That Dominic Santoro and Stephen Agrippino conspired together to knowingly keep or permit a premises to be used or occupied for the purpose of registering bets upon the results of a trial, or contest of skill, speed or endurance of beast, or man, with apparatus, books or any device, in violation of M.G.L. c. 274, section 7;

2. VINCENT M. FERRARA, SR., of Boston, DOB 04-05-49

A. Conspiracy, MGL c. 274, sec 7 (misdemeanor)

That Vincent M. Ferrara, Sr., Dominic Santoro, Steven Contrada, and Philip Eatherton, conspired together to use a telephone for the purpose of accepting wagers or bets, or buying or selling of pools, or for placing all or any portion of a wager with another, upon the results of a trial or contest of skill, speed, or endurance of man, beast, bird or machine, or upon the result of an athletic game or contest, or upon the numbers game, or did use said telephone for the purpose of reporting the same to a headquarters or booking office, in violation of M.G.L. c. 274, section 7;

3. PHILIP EATHERTON, of Charlestown, DOB 11-08-48.

A. Using Telephone to Register Bets, MGL c. 271, sec. 17A (misdemeanor)

B. Conspiracy, MGL c. 274, sec. 7

C. Conspiracy, MGL c. 274, sec 7

4. MICHAEL READY of Quincy, DOB 07-07-38

A. Using Telephone to Register Bets, MGL c. 271, sec. 17A (misdemeanor)

B. Keeping a Place for Registering Bets, MGL c. 271, sec. 17 (3-year felony)

5. LAWRENCE O'SULLIVAN aka "RED" of Dedham, DOB: 07-04-37

A. Using Telephone to Register Bets, MGL c. 271, sec. 17A

B. Keeping a Place for Registering Bets, MGL c. 271, sec. 17 (3 year felony)



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6.ROBERT CASH of Lynn, DOB: 05-06-40

A.Using Telephone to Register Bets, MGL c. 271, sec. 17A
B.Conspiracy, MGL c. 274, sec. 7

7.ALFRED STANKUS of Brighton, DOB: 08-11-47

A.Using Telephone to Register Bets, MGL c. 271, sec. 17
B.Conspiracy, MGL c. 274, sec. 7

8.STEPHEN AGRIPPINO of Medford, DOB 11-22-64

A.Using Telephone to Register Bets, MGL c. 271, sec. 17A
Conspiracy, MGL c. 274, sec. 7
C.Conspiracy, MGL c. 274, sec. 7

9.STEVEN CONTRADA of Wilmington, DOB: 11-05-54,

Using Telephone to Register Bets, MGL c. 271, sec. 17A
B.Conspiracy, MGL c. 274, sec. 7
C.Conspiracy, MGL c. 274, sec 7

10. PASQUALE CAMBRIA of Stoneham, 03-09-35

A. Using Telephone to Register Bets, MGL c. 271, sec. 17A
B. Conspiracy, MGL c. 274, sec. 7

JOHN MICCICHI of Malden, DOB: 11-23-53

A. Using Telephone to Register Bets, MGL c. 271, sec. 17A
B. Conspiracy, MGL c. 274, sec. 7

12.JOSEPH SPAZIANI of Saugus , DOB 02-14-38

A. Using Telephone to Register Bets, MGL c. 271, sec. 17A
B. Conspiracy, MGL c. 274, sec. 7

13.PAULO TIZZANO of Boston , DOB: 12-10-69

A. Using Telephone to Register Bets, MGL c. 271, sec. 17A
B. Conspiracy, MGL c. 274, sec. 7